

## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Tuesday, March 13, 2007

10:30 a.m.

519 House Office Building

Representative Melton, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, Knollenberg and Opsommer.

Representative Angerer moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4091 and HB 4162 before the committee.

**HB 4091 Vagnozzi** Education; discipline; policy prohibiting bullying at school; require all school districts to establish.

**HB 4162 Byrnes** Education; discipline; policy prohibiting harassment and bullying at school; require.

Representative Brown moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4091.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 22-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, Knollenberg and Opsommer,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Corriveau moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4162.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 22-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, Knollenberg and Opsommer,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representatives Byrnes and Vagnozzi testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162.

Kevin Epling, representing Michigan Safe School, testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Hoogendyk read a statement by Gary Glenn, representing the American Family Association.\*

Sue Harder, representing herself, testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162.\*

Senator Buzz Thomas testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162.

Robin Greenwood, representing herself, testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162.\*

Lisa Hansknecht, representing the Michigan Department of Education, testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162.

Lisa Swem, representing Thrun Law Firm, testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162.\*

Pamela Manela, representing the Michigan Association of School Social Workers, testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162.\*

Representative Valentine moved to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Clack.

Mary Larson, representing Bath Community Schools, testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162.\*

Pat Williams, representing herself, testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162.

Theresa Abed, representing herself, testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162.

Kathy Pelleran, representing Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, testified in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162.\*

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 4091 and HB 4162, but did not wish to speak:

Tammy Epling, representing Michigan Safe School,

Matt Bolger, representing the Michigan State Police,

Aaron Tabor, representing the Citizen Alliance to Uphold Special Education,

Derek Smiertka, representing Michigan Equality,

Noah Smith, representing the Michigan Counseling Association,

Ellen Hoekstra, representing the Michigan Chapter NASW,  
Robert Miller, representing the Michigan Association of School Social Workers,  
Kyle DuBuc, representing Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc,  
David Michelson, representing the Michigan Education Association,  
Mary Pollock, representing the Michigan National Organization for Women.\*

**No further action was taken on HB 4091 and HB 4162.**

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:43 p.m.

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Representative Tim Melton, Chair

Ben Cook  
Committee Clerk  
March 13, 2007  
2 hours 13 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicates written material submitted.